

Soldiers and Sailors Monument architectural renderings L619

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Schmitz, Bruno, 1858-1916
Creator	Vrydagh, Josse A., 1833-1898
Title	Soldiers and Sailors Monument architectural renderings
Date	circa 1887-1901
Extent	3.0 Cubic feet 1 extra-large oversize box
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials in English, French and German.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Bruno Schmitz was born on November 21, 1858 in Düsseldorf, Germany. He is the son of Carl Theodore Schmitz and Henriette Rodenberg. Schmitz, an architect, is known for his monuments of the early 20th century, working with notable sculptors for an integrated architectural and sculptural effect. He died on April 27, 1916 in Berlin, Germany.

Source:

Ancestry.com, Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=36585758&ref=acom>

Biographical Note

Josse (Jesse) A. Vrydagh was born on May 16, 1833 in Limburg, Belgium. He entered art school at the Louvain School of Arts and immigrated to Dallas, Texas around 1854. In 1876, according to city directory listings, Vrydagh lived in Evansville, Indiana. In 1880, he lived in Terre Haute, Indiana with his wife, Victoria E. (Notez) and their children, Martin U.; Mary E.; Jupiter G.; Robert T.; Eddison J; and Allison L.

Vrydagh was a notable architect in the State of Indiana with works, including the old Indiana State Normal School (destroyed in 1889); the Terre Haute Opera House; and many other municipal and religious building throughout Terre Haute. He was also the architect for the Sullivan, Bedford, and Mount Vernon, Indiana court houses, as well as many private buildings in Evansville.

Vrydagh died on January 16, 1898 and is buried at the Highland Lawn Cemetery in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

Sources:

Greater Terre Haute and Vigo County History: <http://www.vigo.lib.in.us/archives/genhistories/oakey/Volume2/Part3/pt138.pdf>

Ancestry.com/Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=28222588&ref=acom>

Historical Note

The Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument is a neoclassical monument built on Monument Circle. The monument is Indiana's official memorial to the Hoosiers that served in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Frontier Wars and the Spanish-American War.

The monument was created using oolitic limestone from Owen County, standing over 280 feet. It cost \$598,318.00 to build in 1902. Seventy proposals were submitted and two finalists were chosen. Bruno Schmitz of Berlin and Rudolf Schwarz, sculptor, were awarded the appointment in 1887.

Source:

Indiana War Memorial: Colonel Eli Lilly Civil War Museum, Soldiers and Sailors Monument: <http://www.in.gov/iwm/2335.htm>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a set of architectural drawings, titled "La Tour D'Auvergne" from a French architectural firm, an architectural print with sketches from Josse A. Vrydagh in Terre Haute, Indiana and a print, featuring a 3D model of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument from Bruno Schmitz in Germany, dating from circa 1887-1901.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Subject(s)

- American Revolution, 1775-1783
- Architects--1880-1930
- Architecture--Contests
- Architecture--United States--19th century

- Architecture--United States--20th century
- Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument (Indianapolis, Ind.)
- Indiana--History--War of 1812
- Mexican War, 1846-1848
- Monument Circle (Indianapolis, Ind.)
- Spanish-American War, 1898

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Josse A. Vrydagh architectural print, circa 1887	1	1
Bruno Schmitz architectural print, circa 1887-1901	1	2
"La Tour D'Auvergne" architectural renderings and memorandum, circa 1887	1	3